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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Keith A. Hruska et al.
Application No. : 10/650,326 Confirmation No. : 6882
Filed : August 28, 2003
For : CONJOINT ADMINISTRATION OF MORPHOGENS AND ACE
INHIBITORS IN TREATMENT OF CHRONIC RENAL FAILURE
Art Unit : 1649
Examiner : Christina M. Borgeest

New York, New York
April 8, 2009

Mail Stop Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 16, 2008 OFFICE ACTION

This is in reply to the Non-Final October 16, 2008 Office Action¹ in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and have paid the requisite fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to extend the time for replying for a period of three months. With the extension, a reply is due on or before April 16, 2009. Thus, this reply is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

¹ Applicants note that the Office Action does not make clear whether the Action is Final or Non-Final. During a telecommunication with the Examiner on January 21, 2009, and a second telecommunication on March 10, 2009, she indicated that the Action will be considered Non-Final.

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